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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Art Unit: 1772

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. AOTA, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/828,837  
Filed: April 10, 2001  
For: EXTRUDED FRAME MEMBER FOR USE IN  
FRICTION STIR WELDING  
Art Unit: 1772  
Examiner: C. Simone

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 2, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the claims;**

**Remarks are included following the amendments.**

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